

## ERWC: The Leopard Man Post-Reading Activities

### Activity 10: Summarizing and Responding (20 pts)

The act of summarizing asks you to put someone else's ideas into your own words to improve your understanding of those ideas. Use the following GIST guidelines to create your summary. It should be 6-8 sentences:

- Read the paragraph or essay.
- Circle or list the important words, phrases, or ideas.
- Put the reading material aside.
- Use the important words, phrases, and ideas to generate summary sentences.
- Add a topic sentence that unifies the summary.

Responding to your reading is an essential part of critical thinking. It helps you understand the main ideas as you also learn to respond to them. Write a personal response to the piece based on the following questions. It should be 6-8 sentences:

- What do you think about the essay?
- How did you feel before reading?
- How did your feelings change?
- Were there any areas you were confused by?
- Were there any areas you were surprised by?
- Why do you think you had those reactions?
- What would you say to Leopard Man if you got to meet him?

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4. Do you think the author has left something out on purpose? Explain your answer.

*Questions about the Writer (Ethos)*

1. Is the author knowledgeable on this subject? How do you know?

2. What does the author's language tell the reader about him?

3. Does the author seem trustworthy? Why or why not?

4. Does the author seem serious? In what ways?

*Questions about Emotions (Pathos)*

1. How does this piece affect you emotionally? Explain your answer.

2. Do you think the author is trying to manipulate the readers' emotions? In what ways? At what points?

3. Does the author use humor? How does that affect your acceptance of his ideas?

**Activity 11B: Thinking Critically (10 pts)**

Quickwrite: Look back at the quickwrite you completed before reading this essay. Did your opinion change? Do you still feel the same way about people who are different? Will you change the way you think or act towards people who are different from you? Why or why not?

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**Activity 12: Reflecting on Your Reading Process (5 pts)**

You have now read and analyzed “The Sociology of the Leopard Man” and considered questions of social conformity and individuality. Reflect on your reading and thinking processes by answering the following questions:

- What have you learned from this article and your discussions with your classmates?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What will you look for the next time you read a new article?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What reading strategies did you use or learn in this module? How will these strategies apply in other classes?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What strategies used by this writer do you think you might use in your own writing?